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Attorney General John Ashcroft

US Department of Justice

950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing in order to give my opinion concerning the settlement that has been reached between the Department of Justice and Microsoft. While I feel that Microsoft is being asked to give up more than should be asked of them, I feel that whatever is necessary in order to bring about a resolution to this case should be done.

The settlement requires Microsoft to give over, to their competition, access to their software code and grant them intellectual property rights in order to further the ability of competing products to contend with Microsoft's products. Microsoft is not even allowed to retaliate when the completion uses these products to further their own.

This alone goes far beyond what would be expected of any other company. However, Microsoft is willing to do this because it very much wants to see this case over and done with. The average person does as well, and so I urge you to bring it to an end quickly.

Sincerely,

Dan Warrensford

P.S. Microsoft's competitors should not be allowed to use government force to accomplish what those competitor's couldn't accomplish in the marketplace, to wit, come up with a better "mousetrap." If those alleged competitors wish to play on a Fascistic field, there are several nations which will welcome their machinations; the U.S. shouldn't be one of those nations.

Microsoft has never forced anyone to use Internet Explorer. Every user of every machine has always been able to install and use other browsers of their choosing. As well, all Microsoft has done is provide a good product at a reasonable cost -- as a Capitalist corporation in a Capitalist nation is supposed to do. Indeed, the prosecutors and jurists who've made mini-careers of attacking Microsoft on behalf of Microsoft's competitors, or on behalf of kleptomaniacal state governors ought to have their motives

questioned by the U.S. Department of Justice.

Regards, Dan Warrensford